

Appl No. 10/688,482  
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Reply to Office Action of August 23, 2005

## REMARKS

### *Election/Restrictions*

In the Office Action the examiner issued a restriction requirement. In response, using the groups identified in paragraph 2 of the Office Action, election of Group I, with traverse, Claims 1-18, is made for current examination purposes.


The examiner argues that the process claims 19-23 are distinct inventions from the product of claims 1-18 in that the product as claimed can be made by another and materially different process. The examiner argues that the product can be made by forming the waveguide, lens, and light coupling fixture as a unit prior to installation in the pad and this is a materially different process.

Applicant respectfully submits the examiner's argument develops from the presumption that claim 19 requires the steps a., b. and c. as distinct steps to be conducted sequentially. The intention of claim 19 is not to restrict steps a., b., and c. to being performed in this sequence, but, as is well known to one skilled in the art, they may be performed in any order, the most desirable order would be chosen depending on the configuration of the parts involved. In the best mode illustrated in this application a sequence of steps a., b. and c. may be desirable but other sequences are possible. Equivalent embodiments of applicant's invention may be more desirably assembled as proposed by the examiner, or in another sequence.

Applicant amends claim 19 to more clearly show the steps a., b., and c. may be performed in any sequence or simultaneously and to correct matters of form. Applicant submits that the product as claimed in claims 1-18 cannot be made by another and materially different process than that claimed in the amended claims 19-23. Since the invention in claims 1-23 are not distinct, restriction for examination purposes is not proper and the restriction is respectfully requested to be withdrawn.

Claims 9 and 10 are amended to correct matters of form.

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